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In re Application of	:	Marie Angelopoulos, et al.
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For	:	METHODS OF FABRICATING PLASTICIZED, ANTIPLASTICIZED AND CRYSTALLINE CONDUCTING POLYMERS AND PRECURSORS THEREOF.

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Decision of *The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences* dated February 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the prosecution of this case be continued by the Examiner in view of the amended Claim 24 which is set forth in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. This amendment is being submitted timely as it is filed within the sixty (60) day period to take action from said adverse decision of the *Board* on rehearing.

In the Office Action dated May 4, 2000, the Examiner, inter alia, rejected Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claim 24 as amended in this response embodies all of the content of Claim 1 and specifies that also included therein is the polyaniline monomer, the additive and an oxidant. Claim 1, as set forth below, embodies an oxidative polymerization so inherently there will be unreacted monomers and oxidants in the system.

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